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|                       | AD  | 2,136,088                                                      | 11/1938         | Stevens                                    | 429              |                     |                              |  |
|                       | AE  | 2,164,484                                                      | 07/1939         | Wolfe                                      | 5                | 425                 |                              |  |
|                       | AF  | 2,254,466                                                      | 09/1941         | Albert                                     | 297              | 225                 |                              |  |
|                       | AG  | 2,281,209                                                      | 04/1942         | Smith                                      | 5                | 618                 |                              |  |
|                       | АН  | 2,452,366                                                      | 10/1948         | Freund                                     | 5                | 624                 |                              |  |
|                       | ΑI  | 2,556,591                                                      | 06/1951         | Loxley                                     | 5                | 6/8                 |                              |  |
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|                  | BÉ | 2,734,104       | 02/1956   | Gollhofer                                     | 200            | 61.75       |                              |
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|                  | BI | 2,869,614       | 01/1959   | Wamsley                                       | 280            | 230         |                              |
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|                       | CE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3,099,440       | 07/1963   | Burzlaff                                  | 5            | 614      |                                       |  |  |
|                       | CF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3,104,402       | 09/1963   | Johnson                                   | 5            | 428      |                                       |  |  |
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|                       | CI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3,148,387       | 09/1964   | Samie, Jr., et al.                        | 5            | 632      |                                       |  |  |
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|                       | DF                               | 3,249,387                                                         | 05/1966                               | Pivacek                                    | 297              | 411.33              |                  |    |
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|                       | DI                               | 3,309,717                                                         | 03/1967                               | Black                                      | 5                | (18                 |                  |    |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | UG                                                    | 6,360,385       | 03/2002    | Lewandowski                               | 5            | 430       |                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | UH                                                    | 6,363,552       | 04/2002    | Lewandowski                               | 5            | 425       |                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | UI                                                    | 6,374,440       | 04/2002    | Thim, Jr.                                 | 5            | 633       |                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | נט                                                    | 6,401,277       | 06/2002    | Savage et al.                             | 5            | 430       |                              |
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